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It Ain't Over 'til It's Over

by Dave Atkins

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every voter who cast a ballot for me in the last election, as well as the many, many people who worked for me with such dedication.

In the month that has passed since then, dozens of people have asked me if I will run for office again, and the answer is "absolutely!"

My belief that the City Council is due for some drastic changes, both in its people and its policies, is still strong, and my commitment to try to initiate some of those changes has not wavered one bit.

Right now, our current mayor and two or three of our councilmen have got this city "on a roll," so to speak; however, it will take the cooperative efforts of more than just these few to keep our government running smoothly and fairly on a consistent basis.

Already, there is dissension on the Council, and at least some of the friction is a direct result of Mayor Beverly McAnally's recent decision not to renew the appointments of three department heads, and to terminate the Council secretary. Even though the Mayor had several good reasons for her actions (not the least of which was to save the City a good deal of money), and even though she appears to be within her legal rights, as stipulated by the City Charter, in taking such actions, a few Councilmen are opposing her, and the upcoming fight is likely to be a rough one. Bitter words have already been exchanged, and it looks as though things could escalate into a legal battle over the Council secretary's position. Allegedly, this would be instigated by Councilmen Jimmie C. Raspberry and Noah "Pete" Bergeron, and most likely sup-

ported by at least Councilman Fred "Junior" Block. Since even the City Attorney is of the opinion that Mayor McAnally's actions have fallen within the dictates of the Charter, it seems to me that any such legal hassle would be a total waste of taxpayer dollars.

During my campaign, I made several promises to the people of this community, and, even though I was not chosen to be a member of the "fantastic seven," I am still trying my best to accomplish those aims as a private citizen. For instance, I promised that I would try to get City Council sessions televised on the public access channel for those who cannot attend the meetings, and this has become a reality. Currently, tapes of these meetings are being aired, and future plans are being made to air the meetings live on Monday nights. I have pushed hard for this because I

think that it would be wise for you, the residents and voters of Romulus, to pay very close attention to what goes on in your city for the next two years. Pay attention — and then act on what you see and hear. (I am also in the process of taping, for broadcast, other City affairs that should be of interest to the community.)

Another of my promises was that I would make every attempt to see that the law of our city, the Romulus City Charter, is no longer broken at the personal whim of City officials who put their own desires ahead of the public good, and, thanks to the cooperation of the Administration, strides are also being made in that area.

There is still much to be done, and whether the City Council will do what is best for the people of Romulus re-

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The Man with the Cane

by David Atkins

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As I walked along the brightly lit sidewalk, I stopped from time to time to peer into the store windows with their bright and pretty Christmas displays, and listened to the Christmas music coming from somewhere down the street. As the snow filtered through the air like silver flakes falling from somewhere above, I noticed an old man walking toward me with a cane in his right hand, helping to steady his body and relieve some of the pain in his old and tender bones.

He was just another old man, shabbily dressed although not really a bum; just an old man who looked like he didn't have too much left from his life of hard work.

A woman with a couple of little kids went hurrying by me, talking about getting home for dinner and what all they wanted for Christmas this year. I didn't pay much attention to what else was going on around me, except that the snow was falling harder now and the traffic was getting heavier — horns blowing, windshield wipers whipping through the snow gathering on the windshields, and more people going in and out of stores than there were just a couple of minutes ago.

It certainly is the Christmas season, I thought — the Salvation Army bell ringing, people walking by, paying no attention to

the bell of the person dressed in black and red, with the pot hanging on a tripod with chains holding it. I wonder what all these people are like that breeze by me like they are on their way to a party they are late for, and it can't get started without them?

There, in front of the big plate-glass window, stood a young man and woman in their early twenties, holding hands and standing so close to each other, and looking like they are so much in love that there is no one else in the world except them.

I thought of the times when my mother and dad took me and my two brothers shopping on nights much like this; how we would laugh and sing Christmas songs, look into the much-too-big windows at all the pretty clothes, and the toy trains merrily making their way around a silver track with smoke blowing from the engine stack; and the big jolly man in the funny red and white suit, his beard hanging clear down to his lap, and laughing, saying, "Ho, Ho, Ho, and a Merry Christmas to you from Old Saint Nick. You boys and girls be good, and I'll visit your house Christmas morning."

How silly it all seems now, now that I have grown to manhood and have become what some might consider to be

wealthy. I spent a lot of hard years getting where I am now in society, and I enjoy it. I really don't know why I am even here on a chilly, snowy night. I can have someone else do anything I want them to do for me, and no questions asked.

But my mind is taken in by all that is going on around me. There is another man and woman with their kids, hurrying along, the kids laughing and singing and the mother hanging on to them for dear life, afraid they will break loose and get hurt. It sure is funny how moms think. They are just little guys. No one is going to hurt them or let them get hurt, and besides, they are really enjoying the snow blowing in their faces and sliding on the now-slippery sidewalk as they walk along.

I came closer to the old man with the cane, and something looked very familiar about him. I really didn't know what it was, but something about him really bothered me — something that made my body chill like an iceberg.

An older lady, standing by a lamp post crying, took my attention from the man with the cane. She looked well into her seventies and stood there shivering, even though she had a coat on and appeared to be warm. I walked over to her and asked her what was wrong. At first she didn't want to

talk to me — after all, I was a complete stranger to her. Why should she tell me anything?

After I introduced myself to her and tried to make her feel at ease, she finally told me why she was crying.

It seems that, some twenty years ago, she had a son that was very well off. He had worked hard all his life, and became a well-known figure in the business world. She told me about how she and her husband had brought him to this very street and looked into these same windows, and laughed and sang Christmas songs together. He became very successful — and very selfish. He had everything a man could want in life, and refused to share any of his wealth with anyone. He didn't come around the family much. She guessed it was because he was ashamed of his family. Not wanting his friends to know he was from a poor family, he felt it was better he stay away.

After her husband died, her son became even more reluctant to visit her or to help her when she needed it, even though she never did ask him for anything.

It was on this same street that her son was Christmas shopping on a night much like tonight. He had been drinking heavily

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THE EDITOR'S OPINION

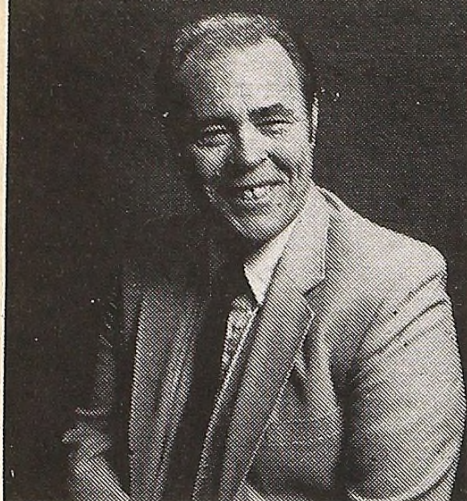


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Here's to Good Humor

Here's to humor and good times in *The Romulus News*. This issue will mark the start of what we hope will mean many more laughs to come with the addition of two new cartoon features to "the little paper" — "Mums the Word" and "The Golden Daze" by Dan Rosandich.

Rosandich lives in Chassell, Michigan. As a full-time cartoonist for 12 years, he has had cartoons published in the *Saturday Evening Post* and the *National Enquirer*.

"I enjoy cartooning, being my own boss, and having some satisfaction in the fact that somebody somewhere out there might get a little laugh out of what I convey in my cartoons," Rosandich said.

Since his start in the business, Rosandich has sold about 4,000 cartoons. He invites readers of *The Romulus News* to become involved in the humor that they read — submit cartoon ideas or suggestions for future "Golden Daze" strips to P.O. Box 410, Chassell, MI 49916-0410. □

MAN WITH THE CANE

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and drove himself to town to shop. He had finished his shopping and started across the street for his car, when a car going too fast couldn't stop for the red light he was standing near. The car hit her son and killed him. She was told about it the next day, Christmas day.

I thought to myself, "This old lady must want something, money or something. Does she think she is talking to a fool?" Why would this old lady be telling me something like this unless she wanted something?

I looked at her again and she still looked familiar to me but I didn't know why. Why did this old lady bother me so much?

I told her I was really sorry for her but I didn't see how I could help her. She told me she really didn't expect anyone to help her, but she thanked me for the kindness I had shown by listening to her story. She slowly turned her aged body around and walked down the sidewalk, into the snow that was really coming down heavily now, and soon she was out of sight.

I walked past the large plate-glass window with the big funny looking man in the red and white suit, beard hanging down to his lap, with his Ho, Ho, Ho, and turned into a doorway where music was coming from — music that was not of the Holiday season, but music to drink by. After all, it was getting pretty chilly outside, and a couple of drinks wouldn't hurt anyone.

One drink led to another, and pretty soon the lights started to go around the room in a most unusual manner, so I thought I had better go.

I walked out of the bar and turned right toward the stop light, with the packages I had bought just a short time ago in my hand. I noticed, out of the corner of my eye, the old man with the cane again. He was just standing there looking at me, saying nothing. Why does he bother me so much? I can't see his face, but he acts like he knows me.

A bit of fear ran through my body, but again I didn't know why. I hurried toward the stop light so I could get across the street to my car. The light was green; I could go now.

I stepped off the curb onto the street, when I felt a sharp pain in my side, back and neck. I looked up, and there were people gathering around me. I heard someone ask who I was, but no one knew. The pain was terrible, and the headlights from the car above me seemed like the lights of a train at full throttle.

I tried to speak, but no one heard me. I looked up again and there was the old man with the cane, looking down at me. All of a sudden he was the only person I could see or hear. He looked down at me with eyes of molten steel set back in his head. I still couldn't see his face. His back was to the headlights of the car.

I asked who he was and he said, "Who I am, or who I was, is not important to you now. What was important to you, you never cared for. You never cared for your parents or your friends. All you ever cared about was yourself and your money. Your money bought you everything — everything except real happiness, the kind of happiness you could only find with your family, and sharing with others!"

The lights started dimming and the pain got worse — like my whole body was going to explode. The old man turned slightly toward the lights and took off his hat. I could still see him enough to see he no longer had the cane, and his hair was as white as silver. I asked him again who he was. There was no other noise around me now, just the lights on his face, and his face got brighter and brighter. "Who are you?"

His eyes had changed from the molten

steel to a soft, shimmering glow. He looked at me and softly said, "I am Alpha and Omega!" □

News From Smokey's Den

by Dorothy D. Nesler

Fire Department Activity Report for October 1989

- structure fires — 5
- vehicle fires — 10
- grass and brush fires — 6
- dumpster fires — 4
- non-fire incidents, which include false alarms, wash-downs (clean-up of pavement, after an auto accident, to remove dangerous debris and slippery and/or flammable fluids), electrical shorts, downed electrical wires, bomb threats, etc. — 17

Other News

On Saturday, December 2, Fire Department volunteers, along with their Police counterparts, sold newspapers for the Goodfellows. Their efforts will insure a merry Christmas for needy families in Romulus.

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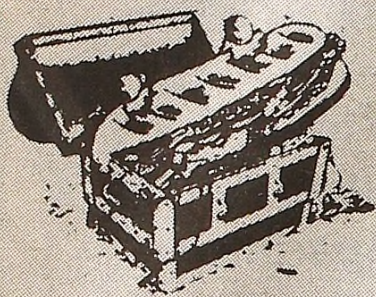
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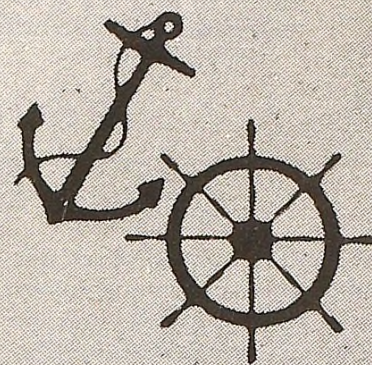
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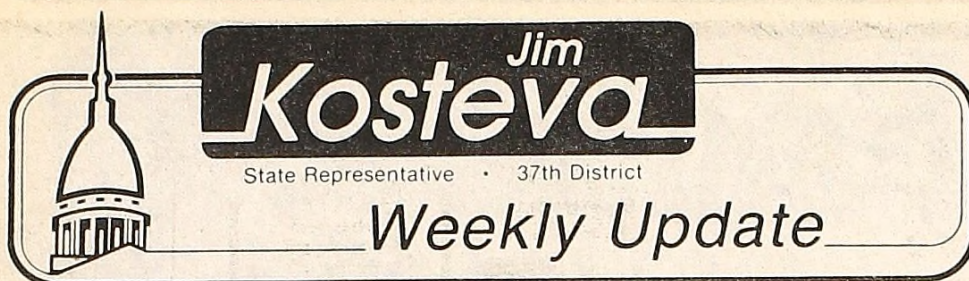
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Jim Kosteva
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Weekly Update

by James Kosteva, State Representative,
37th District

Committee Reports "Life in Prison" Bill

Legislation that would mandate life sentences without parole for certain murderers, rapists, armed robbers, and others who commit brutal crimes has been approved by a House committee. Crimes subject to the new penalties would involve torture, dismemberment, or other heinous acts.

Legislation Would Change Obscenity Laws

House lawmakers have approved legislation that would allow cities, villages, and townships in this state to implement stricter local standards on the sale and possession of obscene materials. The legislation would authorize communities to enact the State's "prevailing standards" obscenity law as a local ordinance, resulting in increased forfeitures and penalties.

Legislation Revises Paternity Act

Under a House bill approved by the Legislature, if a man named in a paternity suit refused to take a blood test to determine if he is the father of a child, the courts could enter a "default" judgment against him and name him as the father. The bill also allows the courts to compel the alleged father's testimony and expands the current list of biological tests to establish paternity to include DNA matching.

Legislation Would Help Curb Infant Deaths Rate

House lawmakers are considering three bills that would create programs to lower Michigan's high infant mortality rates. Among other provisions, the bills would establish a panel to review child fatalities and a program of assessing the presence of lead poisoning in children in Michigan, and require the creation of a parenting brochure that would be mailed to all parents following the birth of their child.

Bill Would Increase Rights of Service Station Owners

A bill passed by House lawmakers would allow oil company service station franchisees to transfer or sell their business to qualified buyers of their choosing, including family members. The bill would also give local service station owners more self-determination in setting business hours.

Bill Would Restrict Half-Way House Residents

House lawmakers are considering a bill that would increase the monitoring of corrections half-way house inmates. Residents would be required to be employed or actively pursuing employment, or participate in an educational or training program, or in a special treatment program. Inmates would receive random biweekly drug testing and would be prohibited from entering any establishments that primarily serve alcoholic beverages. Violators would be returned to a State correctional facility.

Bill Would Reduce Auto Insurance Rates

House lawmakers have passed a bill that would lower auto insurance rates by 30% across the State. If an insurer could prove that the 30% rollback would cause insolvency, the State insurance commissioner could reduce the rollback.

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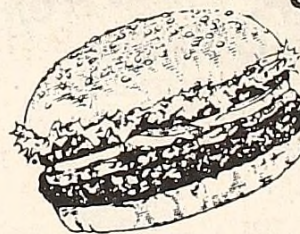
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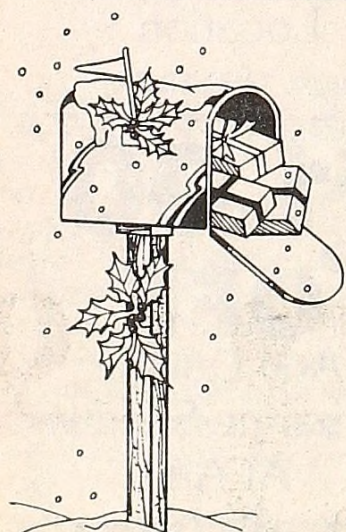
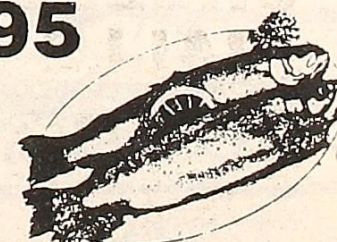


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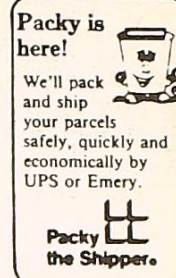


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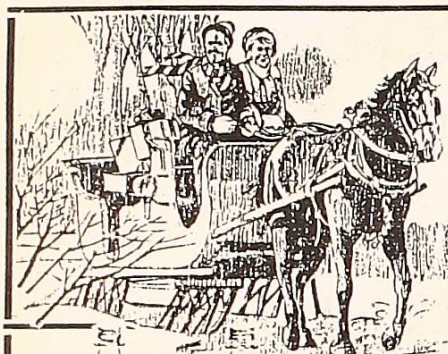
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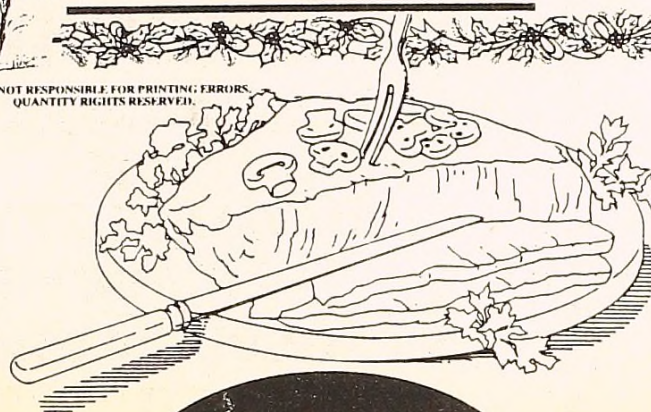
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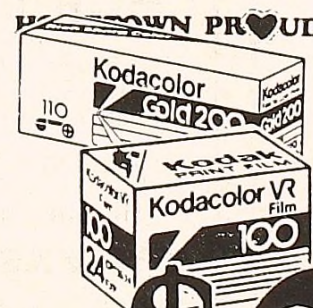
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Straight From the Heart

by Dan Elwart, D.C.

Have you ever been so mad you could spit? The other day, a patient of mine (who had been taking therapy for several months for a back condition) called to tell me that he could no longer see me. You see, the people at his place of employment told him that they would not pay for his care if he went to any other doctor than the ones they told him to see!

I'm not sure that I follow their reasoning. Without getting into too many details, the patient had hurt himself at work. He had been taking therapy at another place for several months. He stated that he was not getting any better; in fact, he thought he was getting worse. It was at this point that he decided to seek another opinion — mine. I took care of him for a few weeks, and he started to regain his health. Confident and pleased that he would soon return to work, he was happy that he had sought another opinion.

At work, for his back-to-work check-up, he proudly told of how he was getting better, and had found out his problem. He told them that it was being taken care of at his chiropractors' office. It was then that they told him that he couldn't "just go to any doctor," he had to go to "the doctors that we tell

you to." So, reluctantly, the patient called to cancel his appointment.

Now, here's the problem:

- Patient has a health problem.
- Patient is getting worse under his employer's doctors.
- Patient gets health problem straightened out here.
- His employer doesn't like him going to a doctor of "his choice."
- Patient discontinues care that helps for care that's paid for.

The patient suffers because, if he does what is right, his employer won't pay for it. If he does what hasn't helped, his employer pays for it but it doesn't help him.

What is the solution?

- In Michigan, under the Workmen's Compensation laws, the employee can go to the doctor of "his choice" 10 days after an injury.
- If the employer hassles him, he can complain to his union and/or the State of Michigan Insurance Commissioner in Lansing.
- When contract time comes around, find out why his employer doesn't think he is capable of choosing his own doctor. □



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Santa to Deliver Pizza

by Dave Atkins

Though he won't arrive in a sleigh drawn by reindeer, Santa will deliver your pizza from the Pizza Barn, on request, beginning December 13.

Charles Talaga, the owner of the Pizza Barn, came up with this idea, and it is sure to be popular with small children and their parents.

Can you imagine little children opening the door after mom and dad have ordered a pizza, only to be met by their most favorite person in the world? The one they wait all year long to see? Santa Claus?

Eyes will sparkle, cries of delight will be heard, and more pizza will be ordered — or, at least, that is what the people at the Pizza Barn are hoping for.

There is some question as to how many Santas will be delivering pizza the first day or two, so, if he is a little late, please be patient until Santa arrives. (Remember, to have Santa deliver pizza to your door, you must request his appearance; otherwise, a regular pizza deliveryman will bring your order.)

I think that this is a great idea, and not just for the kids and their parents, either. I'll bet that there may be a few others, even seniors and people without children, who will ask for Santa, just to see the jolly old man and hear his happy "Ho! Ho! Ho!" □

4 Local Students Named to SCC All-Academic Team

by Fred Coleman, Romulus Schools Athletic Director

The following student-athletes have been selected to the first-ever South Central All-Academic Team. On behalf of the members of the League, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of these young people on their fine contributions to the individual programs of their schools.

- Liz Barr (Ypsilanti, cross country) — 3.36 GPA; class rank 39; captain of girls' cross country team; #1 runner on team.
- Marsha Bruggeman (Adrian, basketball) — 4.03 GPA; running for valedictorian or salutatorian of her class; three-year All-League and All-County selection, as well as being basketball's MVP, averaging 19.3 points per game.
- Mario Delone (Adrian, cross country) — 3.38 GPA; led Maple cross country team to a very successful season; selected as team's MVP for past two seasons.
- Uma Hariharan (Ann Arbor Huron, cross country) — 3.90 GPA; class rank 12; team leader and comeback runner.
- Peter Kang (Ann Arbor Huron, football) — 3.82 GPA; class rank 27; key player and team leader.
- Aaron Lawson (Ann Arbor Pioneer, cross country) — 3.07 GPA; contributed to a successful cross country season.
- Jason Ledbetter (Ypsilanti, soccer) — 3.60 GPA; class rank 18; captain and second-leading scorer on the soccer team; third-year letter winner.
- Ian Loo (Ann Arbor Huron, cross country) — 3.89 GPA; class rank 15; Most Valuable Runner; SCC team.
- Kevin Meyers (Ann Arbor Pioneer, football) — 3.07 GPA; contributed to a successful football season.
- Susan Molenda (Romulus, basketball) — 3.45 GPA; class rank 35; led 1989 basketball team in most categories this season and will also start in the varsity volleyball and softball programs; was selected as the 1989 MVP for this year's team; All-Area and All-League selection in 1989.
- Brian Montoye (Ypsilanti, football) — 3.80 GPA; class rank 6; president of National Honor Society; co-captain of football team; two-way starter in football as a junior and senior at guard and linebacker as a senior; first team All-SCC linebacker as a senior; first team All-Metro guard as a senior (*Ann Arbor News*); MVP of 1989 football team; won varsity letter in baseball as a junior; first team All-SCC guard as a junior; outstanding citizen and leader.
- Tina Phelps (Ann Arbor Pioneer, basketball) — 3.49 GPA; contributed to a successful basketball season.
- Eben Smith (Romulus, football) — 3.30 GPA; class rank 44; instrumental in success of 1989 football season; leading rusher defensive back for 1989 team; honorable mention, All-League and All-Area.
- John Stepansky (Adrian, football) — 3.20 GPA; started for past three years on football team; two-year selection for All-League, All-County; selected MVP for past two seasons.
- Vance Sullivan (Ypsilanti, football) — 3.70 GPA; class rank 11; member of National Honor Society; co-captain of football team; honorable mention, first SCC team, defensive tackle; honorable mention, first All-Metro team (*Ann Arbor News*); started as a junior and senior at defensive tackle; outstanding citizen and leader.
- Dennis Tessin (Romulus, cross country) — 3.83 GPA; class rank 4; led 1989 cross country program to a very successful season; has consistently finished in the top three runners of RHS for three consecutive seasons.
- Chris Vavro (Romulus, golf) — 3.66 GPA; class rank 15; led the 1989 golf team to its most successful season since joining the SCC; selected MVP as both a sophomore and a junior; selected All-League 1989.
- Sarah Watts (Ann Arbor Huron, tennis) — 3.90 GPA; class rank 12; SCC team, first doubles. □

Community Calendar

Christmas Concerts — The Romulus Community Schools Music Program will present several free concerts this holiday season for the enjoyment of the community. On Thursday, December 14, the High School bands and choirs will perform in the High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m.; on Friday, December 15, the bands and choirs of Barth and Wick schools will give an afternoon performance at Barth; Tuesday, December 19, is the date set for the Junior High bands' performance at 7:30 p.m. in the Junior High gymnasium; and on Wednesday, December 20, the bands of Cory, Merriman, and Halecreek schools will perform in the High School auditorium at 7 p.m.

Christmas Program — The Calvary Baptist Church of Romulus (11338 Ozga Road) cordially invites the community to its presentation of *Born to Die*, a musical drama by Ron and Shelly Hamilton, on Sunday, December 17, at 6 p.m. For more information, please call the Church office at 941-0236.

Concert Series — In early 1990, the Downriver Council for the Arts will present the final two concerts in its series of concerts featuring Michigan artists. On Friday, January 19, the folk group Footloose will perform at Woodhaven High School at 8 p.m. Then, on Friday, April 6, Phil Esser and Company will perform songs from *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris*, as well as other music from the '60s, at 8 p.m. at Roosevelt High School.

Individual tickets are \$8 each. For more information on tickets or shows, call the DCA at 281-ARTS or 281-2469.

National Health Federation — The local chapter of the National Health Federation meets in Room 109 of the Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. For more information, call the In-Balance Center at 941-8778.

Romulus Adolescent Health Advisory Committee — The next meeting of the RAHAC is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, at 2:30 p.m. in the library at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road). These meetings are open to the public. Please call 941-2170, ext. 26, for more information.

Romulus Arts Council — The Romulus Arts Council meets at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. For information, call 941-0476.

Romulus Cable Commission — The Cable Commission meets at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Romulus City Council — The Romulus City Council meets at City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the first, second, and fourth Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. (Some meetings do not follow this schedule because of holidays. For more information, contact Linda Choate, City Clerk, at 942-7540.)

Romulus Community Schools Board of Education — The Romulus Board of Education meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Office (36540 Grant Road).

Romulus Community Schools Sporting Events — Watch for future sporting events in the "School Sports" column, or contact Fred Coleman, Athletic Director, at 941-3414.

Romulus Democratic Club — The Romulus Democratic Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Romulus VFW building (on Huron River Drive east of Hannan Road) at 7:30 p.m. New members are welcome. For more information, please call Club Chairman Jim Napiorkowski at 941-5412.

Romulus Historical Society — The Romulus Historical Society meets in the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Pearl Varner, Romulus Historical Society President, at 697-9628.

Romulus Horseman's Association — The Romulus Horseman's Association meets at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Romulus Public Library — The Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) currently is following its Winter Schedule, and will be open during the following hours: Mondays and Tuesdays from 12 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information on the Library and its programs and resources, call 942-7589.

Romulus Recreation Department — Watch for activity updates in the "Rec News" column, or call the Recreation Department at 942-6852.

Romulus Right-to-Life — The Romulus Right-to-Life group meets at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. New members are welcome!

Romulus Rovers — Join the fastest-growing club in town — the Romulus Rovers Walking Club. All ages are welcome to participate. For information on membership and walks, please call 941-2215.

Romulus Senior Center — Watch for activity updates in the "Senior News & Events" column, or call the Center at 942-6852.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary — The Ladies Auxiliary of the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9568 (39270 Huron River Drive) is extending a cordial invitation to all ladies who wish to join this worthwhile organization. For further information, call Pat Corpe at 941-6176 or Nellie Fortner at 697-8230.

For information about upcoming art exhibits, plays, concerts, festivals, professional sporting events, and other activities in the Detroit Metropolitan Area, call the "What's Line" at 298-6262 for a pre-recorded message.

To place information in the "Community Calendar," please call 941-3113.

Jessica Marie Zilka

David and Kristine Zilka of Dearborn Heights are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Jessica Marie Zilka. Jessica was born at Oakwood Hospital (in Dearborn) on October 30, 1989, weighing seven pounds, five ounces, and measuring 21½ inches.

Joining with Jessica's parents to give her a warm family welcome are her two foster-brothers, Harley (age two-and-a-half) and Ian (age one-and-a-half); her grandparents, Melvin and Delores Zilka (of Romulus) and Sam and Jean Quasarano (of Romulus); two

great-grandmothers, Emma Zilka (of Romulus) and Margaret Quasarano (of Lincoln Park); and a great-great-grandmother, Edna Hood (of Flat Rock). □



A CHRISTMAS

by Eugene Haney

Johnny's eyes flashed as the picture tube activated and brought a message from the fun people of station so-and-so. He watched the fun people sitting in their offices, saying hello to everyone, showing them with their families. He watched them frolicking about their station, having their Christmas merriment. Johnny sighed.

"Son," said Johnny's dad, "I would really like to change the channel now. I want to see the story about the deer." Johnny's dad had thought that maybe that would get his interest piqued. *Oh well*, he thought, *it's Christmas. I'll let him watch what he wants. It'll be an extra present*, he thought.

In a corner of the room lay a dozen presents, a dozen toys that split apart or changed form so they could become over a million different toys. Each one would satisfy a child's desire to play for hours ("Even," said the manufacturer, "for years."). Nevertheless, they lay useless, in a small pile next to the discarded wrapping paper that had been gleefully torn from the toys' boxes.

Presently, Johnny watched a story concerning rabbits. His father didn't mind — *rabbits or deer*, he thought, *whatever he likes*, he thought. Johnny's father stood up and went slowly to the bathroom, without saying a word.

The rest of the house was empty, except for Johnny and his dad. Johnny's mother had died in childbirth, and Johnny had no brothers or sisters. Johnny had gone to the best schools, had the greatest friends, a fine lifestyle, and he had television. The latter was thought by many experts to be the most important thing in the world, to Johnny.

Then Johnny got up and walked away from the television. He left the room where the television was still playing, still churning out songs and pictures, and cartoons of people being happy. Christmas was the season to be jolly, for some reason or another, a reason that the television always forgot to mention.

The door to the bathroom in the hallway across from the room of the television opened. Johnny's father walked out, and into the room of the television, and noticed that Johnny was

missing. He smiled. *Finally decided to play with a toy*, he thought, and knew that the gifts were doing their job well.

Johnny's father had done his best. Without any knowledge of what children liked, he had gone shopping for the greatest toys that money could buy. He had searched ceaselessly, through every shop, every street, every mall, and every place he could think of, and some places that his friends had kindly mentioned. He considered it a grand search, like the Quest for the Holy Grail, that King Arthur had initiated, or Captain Ahab's quest for God in a whale hunt. He believed that the first toy that Johnny picked would be the toy he liked best. He considered going to look for Johnny, what toy it was. He had decided to do this, and had gotten out of his chair, when Johnny appeared in the room.

In his ink stained hands, Johnny held out a small piece of paper. He handed it to his father with a strange look in his eyes. Johnny's father's face reddened when he saw this: *my new fountain pen!* he thought. Then he calmed down when he saw what that fountain pen had created.

The piece of paper was a small Christmas card. It had large writing on the front cover:

MERRY CHRISTMAS
DAD

In the inside was printed:

LOVE,
Johnny.

Johnny's dad looked at the card for a minute. He considered it deeply for a moment, and then put it down on his lap. He looked up at Johnny, and smiled. Johnny smiled back, with brightened eyes.

"Thank you for the present," he said, as he put the card upon a shelf that held many more, which were superior in quality, but not in feeling. Suddenly, Johnny embraced him. His bright eyes were filled with tears. Johnny's father coughed, embarrassed.

"Let's play with these new toys," said Johnny's father hurriedly.

"Sure," Johnny replied, "er, wait a second." He walked over to the television and shut it off. □

Writing Contest Winners

The four winners of the Romulus High School Christmas Writing Contest, which was sponsored by Southland Mall, are: Eugene Haney (first place, \$100), Robert Blanchard (second place, \$50), Dena Jenkins (third place, \$25), and Susan Carroll (third place, \$25).

When the contest was announced in November, over 100 RHS students responded enthusiastically, entering their writing before the December 1 deadline. The field was narrowed down to nine finalists by Mr. Bowersox, the English Department Chairman. From these nine entries, a group of judges

selected the winners.

Eugene Haney's first-place story concerns the relationship between a motherless boy and his father at Christmas. The second-place winner, Robert Blanchard, wrote a poem about a family's Christmas celebration. Dena Jenkins' third-place entry is an essay about how the death of a family member gives meaning to Christmas for her family. Susan Carroll's third-place story is about a mysterious man who lived in a German village long ago, and disappeared after giving toys to the children of the village.



Contest winners Susan Carroll, Eugene Haney, and Dena Jenkins (photo by Laura Wasvary)

The Southland Merchants' Association generously agreed to sponsor the contest. Now these young writers can

take some time off from their typewriters and head to Southland Mall to do some prepaid Christmas shopping.



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WINTER SPORTS

by Fred Coleman, Romulus Schools Athletic Director

Coming off one of the most successful fall athletic seasons in recent years, the winter coaches have chosen their teams and are ready to keep the year going on an upward swing.

Boys' Basketball

The basketball program features all new coaches, new theories, and, virtually, a new team from the 1988 season.

New head coach Chris Molloy takes over a program that graduated its front line.

"We're pretty small as far as Class A schools go," stated Molloy, "but we're pretty quick. Defense is stitched on our practice gear, and it's there for a reason. If we don't play solid, hard defense, we are in serious trouble with the teams on our schedule."

Leadership on this year's squad will come from senior guard Virgil Davis and senior forward Kelvin Brown, whose play will determine what type of a season the Eagles will have.

Sure to help this year's team will be juniors Torrey Mills, Abu Hamilton, Brian Humphrey, and John Chambers. Seniors Larry Perkins and Andre Peters are also expected to see much action, with seniors Chris Jones and Marvin Carr expected to help from the bench. Junior forward Rodney Halimon and sophomore guard Genesis Barnes have also been playing well thus far, and should play an important role in the Eagle season as well.

The junior varsity Eagle team is loaded with freshman and sophomore talent, but, as new coach Marcus Harris has pointed out, "Some of these young men haven't realized yet that there is more to high-school sports than just playing a game. Our first two nights of practice were three-hour study tables to get our grades up, and I hope it worked. There is no sense in letting these kids think they can succeed in life without an education, so if the grades don't get better, some of our talent will be sitting out this year."

Expected to help the junior varsity team this season are freshmen Robb Thompson, Daniel Winston, Dedrick Clark, Bob Bergeron, and Corey Holmes. Upperclassmen help should come from Mack Stillwagon, James Johnson, Chris Chambers, John Dinkins, and Marlan Hicks. Also expected to see action this season are Ken Parks, Roger Williams, Courelious Courtland, Antony Quimby, James Rush, Tim Wilson, and Rufus Cofield.

The Eagles begin their League season versus Ann Arbor Pioneer at Pioneer on Thursday, December 14. They then travel to Ypsilanti on December 19 before returning home for our first annual Christmas Tournament, which will be held on Tuesday, December 26 (junior varsity at 12 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.) and Wednesday, December 27 (game times determined by Tuesday's results).

Basketball fans are reminded that ticket prices are \$2 for students and \$3 for adults. In conjunction with the new State policy, "Any unsportsmanlike conduct toward the opposing team, coach, or fans will not be tolerated — anyone violating this request will be asked to leave and not return to any more of our games."

Please come out and support our team, but please come to have a good time and represent our school and community well.

Wrestling

The wrestling program embarks on the 1989-90 season with the opportunity to repeat for the third straight year as South Central Conference champions.

Leading this year's team will be senior State qualifiers David Gehringer (finished fifth), Tim Kosikowski, and Bruce Boyd. Also expected to have great seasons are seniors Brian Farnan, Billy Lincoln, and Scott Murawski. The light-weight classes will be filled by sophomores Dale Gehringer, David Caines, and Mark Warren, while sophomores Jason Drouillard and Mike Sculley should also help this year's team.

Two surprise wrestlers who will come off of very successful junior var-

sity careers to fill in on the varsity team this year are Mark Warren and Terry Shenton, and both are expected to do very well, according to second-year head coach Norman Butler.

"Our upper-weight classes are critical to our success as a team this year," Butler stated. "We have some individuals who rank among the best in the State, but, to do well in tournaments and duals, you need 13 weight classes filled, and our three heavy classes are void of varsity-caliber wrestlers at this time. We hope Garth Hixon and Martin Lewis will fill two of those voids for us, but both are unsure if they will be able to wrestle this year. Losing Paul Nowicki (second in the State last year) at heavy-weight left a big hole in that spot, as we could count on his points in every match last year. Eddie Miller will be able to compete for us second semester if his grades are up, but, as it stands right now, we are looking hard for a replacement for Paul."

No doubt, Coach Butler and his staff (Chuck Wilson, Tracy Cline, John Montroy, and Bill Garland) will find that combination needed to repeat again this year.

Wrestling fans may want to remember Saturday, January 27, 1990, as a date to write down, since that is the day we will host the first annual Romulus Royal Invitational, in which seven of the top 10 teams in Michigan will be competing in our gym. Hope to see you there.

Volleyball

Last year, head coach Gail Coleman and assistant Dennis Stoh had 79 victories between the two programs, and that may stand as a record that this program (or any other sport in Romulus) may never break, but this year's talent is sure going to give it a try.

"Like so many other teams in our school this year, we are very small," Coleman said, "but the athletic talent of this team is the best I have ever had, and I am hoping to be able to put together a style of play that will make up for our lack of height."

This year's Eagle varsity will be led by returning All-League setter Jennifer Daniel and All-League hitter Michele Scarrow, both of whom set school records in volleyball as sophomores last season, but fans can expect a lot of help for these two from the nine other athletes who make up the team.

There are only two seniors on the squad this season, but both are four-year players and are expected to be critical to the team's success. Susan Hamel and Chris Stratton are both front-

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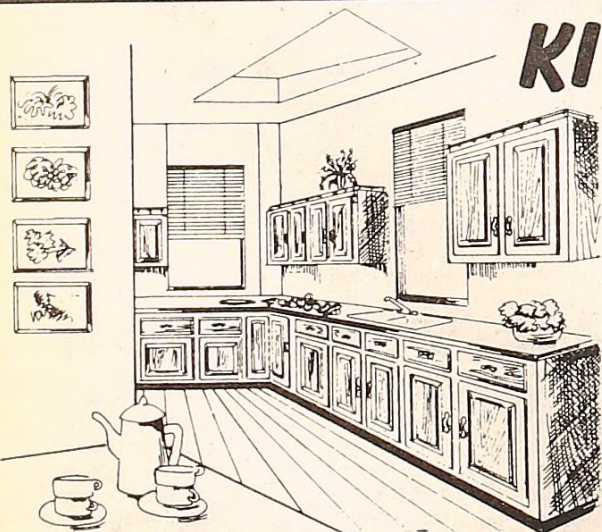
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Hall of Fame

by Fred Coleman, Romulus Schools Athletic Director

The Romulus Athletic Department is planning to establish a Hall of Fame for past athletes and coaches who achieved high recognition for our school and community.

We need the help of local residents to find out about people who may be qualified for this elite group of Romulus alumni.

To qualify, a person must:

- be a graduate of Romulus High School;
- have been out of school for a minimum of 10 years;
- have a record of outstanding service/performance in a particular sport;
- have received local, state, and/or national recognition for his or her

athletic endeavors;

- be an outstanding member of either the Romulus community or the community in which he or she lives.

If you know someone who meets these qualifications, and you would like to nominate that person, please send me (Fred Coleman, Athletic Director, Romulus High School, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174) the following information:

- the person's name and address;
- the name of a relative who can be reached in case the person is not available;
- the person's year of graduation/coaching experiences/playing era, etc.
- a list of as many of the person's accomplishments as you remember;
- a photo of the person (if possible)

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HALECREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD

The following Halecreek Elementary students had perfect attendance for the first marking period of the 1989-90 school year, and will be awarded a Federal-Mogul Halecreek t-shirt. Congratulations!

Kindergarten

Richard Amolsch	Sandra Bala	Ashely Bomia	Larry Brown
Adam Charlebois	James Crook	Nicholas Druyor	Ashley Fairbanks
Jerri Faulk	Branden Gruden	Thomas Hughes	Jenifer Kiesznowski
Michael Kindel	Steven Mareno	Andrea Marosan	Bryan Oakley
Stephen Potoczek	Michelle Reynolds	Christopher Rhodes	Teresa Rodriguez
Charles Searcy	Shaun Somers	Bridget Stephens	Jeffrey Tuszynski
Angela Zajac			

First Grade

Steven Abdo	Marilyn Adkins	Alan Brohl	Terry Brown
Keith Bryant	Christina Clark	Samuel Estes	Aaron Farr
Aimee Fisher	Kristin Godard	Brian Gurner	Heidi Holloway
Jezail June	Nayla Khan	Amy Kruszelnicki	Valentina Lucaj
Seanterra Lundy	Amanda McCowan	Danielle Martin	Christopher Milam
LaFonta Norris	Keith Porath	Geoffrey Raphael	Nathan Sims
Ashaundei Smith	Patrick Spencer	Christopher Thomas	Ryan Watts
Rose Whitlow	Joshua Williams		

Second Grade

Jason Bala	Jason Britt	Lewis Britz	Aaron Brohl
Eric Cleveland	Jeanne Estes	Paul Gabrys	Kyle Gilmore
Jessica Jaynes	James Jessee	Dana Johnson	Robbie Kimble
Brandon Lazere	Bobbie Lindsay	Jason McDonough	Anthony McGlynn
Megan McGlynn	Jacqueline Marshall	Jason Marsiglia	Amanda Mizell
Kataisha Nevels	Sarah Plouhar	Bruce Porath	Nicholas Remington
Nicole Styrk	Jeremy Taylor	Robert Williams	Amanda Woods
Sarah Ziemer	Jason Zimmerman		

Third Grade

Alex Abdo	Steven Anzalone	Juan Arrambula	Tanya Baker
Jenafer Barker	Andrea Brown	Betty Caines	Erin Cameron
Matthew Carter	Carrie Chandler	Casey Chandler	Timothy Collins
Jessica Colman	Anthony Coppo	Sharon Crooks	Cassandra Dawson
Jonathan Estes	Brandon Fisher	Brea Flores	Steven Garbutt
Teresa Gohl	Steven Hatfield	Bobby Luczj	Jaime Malloy
Crystal Miller	Justin Somers	Lindsey Spencer	Scott Tieppo
Sarah Travis	Erica Tyra	Daniel Villarreal	Darrell Yonts
Melanie Ziemer			

Fourth Grade

Lance Aleseseu	Yvonne Billings	Jessi Brohl	Jennifer Bruce
Christal Byrk	Jami Calzadillas	Sherry Clark	Michael Denny
David Dunmore	Kisha Dunmore	Nina Estes	Joshua Farr
Dennis Forystek	Joshua George	Chad Green	Randy Jajuga
Charles Jaynes	Johnathan Justice	Richard Kindel	Thomas Markowski
Timothy Markowski	Matthew Martin	Rebecca Marz	Nicole Maskell
Candy Miller	Jason Moore	Phillip Richey	Lonnell Smith
Lynnette Stewart	Tiffany Tapplar	Johnny Taylor	Jason Thacker
Nichole Tuszynski	Theresa Tyszkiewicz	Nancy Wilson	

Fifth Grade

Henry Alexander	William Baker	Andrew Carter	Lucas Clark
Felicia Clinkscales	Kim Goodwin	Alex Grishaber	Matthew Hartman
Michael Hatfield	Melladonna Jones	Tamara Kerszulis	Robert Lazere
Nicole Low	Ryan Molloy	Michelle Moreno	Michelle Ochs
Shanna Penn	Teresa Porath	Alford Sample	Kristin Seniff
Renee Smiegel	Sheila Sobocinski	Michael Staffeld	Lenard Stewart
Justin Travis	Michele Walton	William Whitlow	Jennifer Yonts
Janet Ziemczyk	Jennifer Ziemczyk		

Sixth Grade

Amy Amolsch	Kula Baker	Carl Blanton	Bobbi-Jo Brohl
Angelina Cucchiara	Brandon Durham	Tamra Fisher	Ben Gardner
Michael Hall	John Harris	Jeffrey Hatfield	William Jones
John Martin	Meggan Molloy	Nichole Phillips	Larry Poletti
Alan Raphael	Joseph Savoie	Daniel Thacker	Christopher Tyszkiewicz
Andrea Walton	Natalie Wojtylko		

ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

First Card Marking, 1989-1990 School Year

Principal's Honor Roll (3.5 to 4.0) — Grade 12

Jarmo Ake	Eugene Haney	Daniel Lester	Martina Rock
Amy Anderson	Christina Hill	Tonya Longmire	Tiphaine Stepchuk
Lakeisha Bowers	Terrence Hix	Christine Martell	Sheila Suchan
Krystal Brown	Mark Hoinka	Circe McDowell	Rebecca Szente
Denise Chafins	Dawn Jackson	Kristi McLenon	Nicole Thomas
Shawn Davis	Nikki Kappen	Estelle McWilson	Crystal Thompson
Jennifer Donaldson	Valerie Kurtinitis	Yvonne Parson	Laura Wasvary
Susan Hamel			

Regular Honor Roll (3.0 to 3.49) — Grade 12

Douglas Allen	David Gehringer	Tammy Nieman	Kimberly Seabolt
Rebecca Bales	Harold Gregory	Thomas Patterson	Michael Shahan
Tinna Biro	Angela Guajardo	David Ralston	Tawana Spease
Bruce Boyd	Lakeisha Heard	Teri Rea	Christine Stratton
Dawn Brown	Donyale Hubbard	Juan Rivera	Jennifer Tabbs
Kelvin Brown	Tracy Johnson	Kimberly Roach	Rachelle Tabor
Lynnette Cain	Tina Kvicala	Heather Roberts	Quionnesha Taylor
Sherry Coffey	Yvette Mason	John Roberts	Donna Terrel
Juuan Dennis	Kelly Miller	Renee Roehrich	Natisha Wheeler
Shannon Dudonis	Donna Mitchell	Tamara Rosinski	Elaine Wood
Brian Farnan	Amran Mukarram	Angela Salmons	Jeffrey Zilka
Christine Fortune	Scott Murawski		

Principal's Honor Roll (3.5 to 4.0) — Grade 11

Patreece Amos	Jennifer Daniel	Jennifer McGraw	Shannon Stuart
Melissa Avery	Joan Dubanik	Susan Molenda	Dennis Tessin
Renee Bitner	Brian Ellison	Erin Newland	Malina Tolbert
Karla Black	Andrew French	Heather Palmer	Jamie Trailer
Bonnie Boyd	Benjamin Good	Liza Pooley	Valerie Tripp
Stacie Brown	Michele Haines	Christopher Rivest	Christopher Vavro
James Christie	Steven Hockett	Tameca Robertson	Trudy Villarreal
Shawn Cofield	Jennifer Holtschlag	Yolanda Rupert	Lisa Watson
April Coleman	Kimberly Lewis	Michele Scarrow	Danielle Winston
Brian Crain	Kimberly Malgay	Angela Slawinski	

Regular Honor Roll (3.0 to 3.49) — Grade 11

Aaron Anderson	Denise Forsyth	Patricia Imielowski	Richard Rogala
Tamika Anderson	Stacy Foust	Heaven Jackson	Jason Roy
Cari Arble	Michelle Godard	Cindy Jones	Kiantee Rupert
Michael Bergeron	Raymond Good	Jeffrey Kuehnle	Kenneth Singleton
Timothy Blanke	Victoria Hamilton	Claudine Leduc	Eben Smith
Lisa Brooks	Patrick Haney	Brett Matheny	Sherwin Springer
Jennifer Buzonowski	Nathan Henning	Anwana McCord	Nicole Stoyonoff
Johnnie Choate	Leonard Holmes	Lotte Medley	Stacey Stratton
Shila Cofield	Steven Honeycutt	Torrey Mills	Melanie Sundquist
Laura Creith	Angela Hopewell	Richard Panek	Tammy Trubilowicz
William Czaja	Kimberly Hopewell	Mark Pyenta	Trisha Vargo
Richard Evans	Wendy Hopper	Angela Ripple	Ladawn Westley
John Fitzhugh	Lisa Hunt	Christina Rivest	Windy Worrell
Hattie Forbes			

Principal's Honor Roll (3.5 to 4.0) — Grade 10

Sue Arquette	Yolanda Hullum	Jennifer Mientkiewicz	Rebecca Schultz
Genesis Barnes	Andrea Johnson	Angalec Moore	Laurie Sperry
Melissa Boyer	Melanie Johnson	Allyna Moton	Marci Tomchick
Heidi Bussard	Tearza Johnson	Liza Parker	Darrell Wanemaker
Rachel Byard	Amanda Kesner	Gretchen Pomnitz	Angelic Williams
Alison Cope	Lisa Kochanski	Keith Raney	Steven Yates
Amy Grishaber	Jenny McClure	Rory Rangel	Christina Zablocki
Steven Hayes	Bonita McMullen	Sherri Rocha	

Regular Honor Roll (3.0 to 3.49) — Grade 10

Kimberly Adamski	Melissa Golembiewski	Tina Koivisto	Darcy Sheposh
Leah Aggison	Tammie Gooch	Paula McClellan	Angela Sieracki
Lakeisha Allen	Albert Harris	Dakewah McCord	Charmaine Smith
Ebony Brown	Ladonna Hatton	Suzanne McFall	Philip Sparagowski
David Caines	Erika Hicks	Kimberly Molloy	Mack Stillwagon
Aretha Clark	Baraka Higgins	Michelle Mullins	Carrie Testa
Matthew Daly	Denise Hogue	April Patterson	Karen Vanassche
Brian Darocha	Angela Hollis	Melanie Patterson	Sanyqua Wells
Ed Daughenbaugh	Tracey Johnson	Shannon Rennert	Oweetta Wilkins
Linda Ditsch	Joy Jordan	Aliya Robinson	Stacy Wright
Adrian Feather	Jessica Kent	Todd Robinson	Alanna Young
Dale Gehringer	Edwin Kerr	Jana Seniff	William Ziemczyk
Felicia George	Muhammad Khalifa	Jonelle Sharp	Stacie Zilka
Marikah Gill			

Principal's Honor Roll (3.5 to 4.0) — Grade 9

Kathleen Adams	Lakesha Davis	Leon Greenwade	Christy Raupp
Michelle Allen	Maria Deleon	Missy Griffith	Marty Rice
Tonya Allen	Jonathan Devereaux	Michael Grube	Petrina Sewell
Danielle Armes	Sharon Dowdy	Doreen Hein	Robb Thompson
Melissa Atherton	Dawn Drysdale	Tracy Holtschlag	Talia Tripp
Michael Barwikowski	Robert Engle	Monica Kilburn	Stephanie Webb
Erica Bennett	Erin Fife	Brian Molenda	Deborah Whalen
Andrea Brown	Robert Graham	Pranav Patel	Georgette Wiginton
Susan Carroll			

Regular Honor Roll (3.0 to 3.49) — Grade 9

Robert Barley	Kimberly Donaldson	Yolanda Holliday	Sara Palmer
Jeffrey Booker	Joel Elam	Jill Howard	Jennifer Paultanis
Cathleen Brown	Sara Fralick	Lisa Huff	Juanita Piazza
Veda Brown	John Gaffka	Debra Kassa	Matthew Scibilia
Felton Bush	Cari Genaw	Emily Kesner	Chavis Thomas
Sherie Carlson	Trinity Gervais	April Krey	William Thomas
Dontia Clark	Elizabeth Greca	Tanya Logan	Matthew Wojtylko
Janice Clark	Melissa Griffith	Laura Madison	Shannon Wood
Rachel Cook	Michele Habicht	Barbara Markowski	Cheryl Young
Patricia Cox	Terrance Hicks	Eric Newcomb	Diane Zemke
Barbara Dawson			

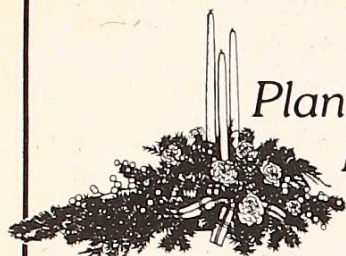


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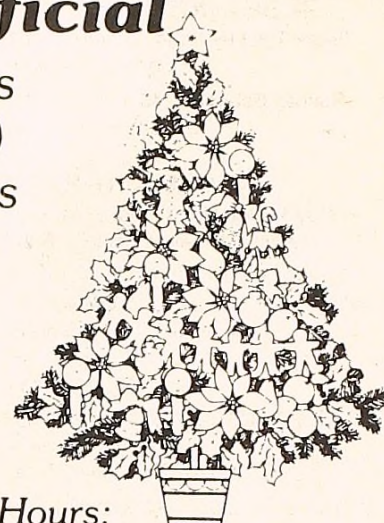


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line hitters and blockers, and, according to coach Coleman, are looking in pre-season "as consistent and powerful as ever in their careers." Their leadership and play will be very important in making the 1989-90 season even close to the 1988 campaign.

Tammy Trubilowicz also returns to this year's squad, and is expected to be one of the critical "backbone" players.

"Our back-line must play well this year in order for us to have success," added Coach Coleman. "Michele and Tammy are the best I have ever had back there, and I hope Jenny McClure will fill in to really solidify that area of the court."

Jenny is only a sophomore, but is a "natural" back-line player, according to her coach. Another sophomore expected to see a lot of action this season is Charmaine Smith, who is, by far, "our best jumper," according to Coleman. She just needs to learn the speed of the game at the varsity level.

Angie Slawinski, Renee Bitner, and Susan Molenda also move to the varsity team this season, and, once they adjust to the new level of competition, they are all expected to be major contributors to this year's team.

Jennifer Daniel had more successful sets in one year than any previous setter had been able to accomplish in two seasons, but Jennifer "can also hit and play very well," added Coleman.

Coach Coleman also had rave reviews for Brooke Hammers, whose play, she says, "may be our biggest asset this year." Brooke had an excellent season last year, when she led the junior varsity team as its setter, and has shown signs of fitting into the varsity program in a big way this year.

"Any combination of these 11 could start any game this season, and, with a team grade point average of 3.8, I am not going to have to worry about eligibility problems."

This looks to be an exciting team this year, and it is hoped that many of you will make plans to attend a game or two.

The season opens with a tourna-

ment at Taylor Kennedy High School on Saturday, December 16, and our annual Christmas Tournament, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, December 29, will be our first home contest.

The junior varsity team returns six sophomores for coach Dennis Stoh, but a number of freshmen will play a great deal, with some even cracking into what is expected to be a sophomore starting lineup.

Co-captains Heide Bussard and Sherri Rocha will lead this season's team, with Jennifer Trueman, Tammie Gooch, Suzanne McFall, and Yolanda Hullum expected to see plenty of action. Freshmen Doreen Hein, Petrina Sewell, and Robyn Grishaber are showing excellent skills coming off the Junior High program, while Erin Fife, Elizabeth Greca, Stephanie Webb, and Heather Cook are all showing promise and solid work ethics that will eventually make them solid volleyball players.

"It is going to be very difficult to match last season's accomplishments, but this group sure looks like it is going to work hard enough to give it a go," stated Coach Stoh.

The junior varsity team opens its season Wednesday, December 13, at 7 p.m. in the High School gymnasium against Gabriel Richard and Woodhaven, and then travels to Taylor Kennedy for its opening tournament on the evening of Friday, December 15. The junior varsity Christmas Tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 28, and this year's team hopes to follow last year's group by claiming the championship once again. □

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The Department wishes to remind citizens of the following safety tips during this holiday season:

- discard Christmas tree lights with frayed wiring;
- don't overload electrical sockets;
- keep real trees moist;
- don't leave Christmas dinner unattended;
- don't drink and drive.

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In closing, the Romulus Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every citizen a safe and happy holiday season. □

NEWS FROM THE "REC" CENTER

Tree Lighting Ceremony Fun for All

Both children and adults enjoyed a holiday celebration on Friday, December 1, when Santa came to Romulus for the Recreation Department's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, held at the corner of Goddard and Shook.

The evening's festivities began at 6:30 p.m., when participants gathered around the still-dark tree (erected by the Department of Public Works) for a little Christmas carolling. Not long after the singing began, Santa (Fire and Police dispatcher Jim Poet) and Christmas Carol (Marlena Prosser) arrived in style on a bright-red fire engine, courtesy of the Romulus Fire Department. Then Santa took time to shake hands with those in the crowd before making his way to the platform to perform his official tree-lighting duty.

Following the ceremony, everyone met at the Progressive Hall (the use of which was generously donated by the Progressive Club) to continue their visit with Santa, and enjoy refreshments (donuts, coffee, punch, and hot chocolate) provided by the Recreation Department and entertainment provided by the Romulus High School Band under the direction of Henry James. Before the evening was over, more than 275 children had told Santa their Christmas wishes and received a stocking of fresh fruit (donated by the Romulus Festival Committee).

Thanks go to Recreation Director Debbie Dick and all of the Department staff and Recreation Commission members whose efforts made this year's Tree Lighting such a big success.

Bowling Events for Adults

The Romulus Recreation Department has scheduled several adult bowling events for the first part of 1990 — two evenings of 9-pin bowling (January 20 and March 17) and two of Scotch doubles (February 17 and April 28). All bowling events will begin at 9:15 p.m. at the Romulus bowling alley.

The entry fee of \$17 per couple for each event includes bowling, jackpots, and pizza. Registrations will be accepted, beginning two weeks before each scheduled date, on a first-come, first-served basis, and entry fees must be paid at that time. (Register at the Recreation Department.)

Bowling Events for Children

Bowling events for children are scheduled for February 10 (father/son bowling), March 10 (mother/daughter bowling), and April 7 (parent/child bowling). Each bowling event will begin between 3:30 and 4 p.m. at the Romulus bowling alley.

The per-couple entry fee for each date is \$13, which includes pop, pizza, bowling, mystery games, bowling for dollars, and prizes. Registration (at the Recreation Center) will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis beginning two weeks before each scheduled date, and must be accompanied

by the entry fee.

Lunch and Dinner Theatres

One luncheon and three dinner theatres are scheduled for early 1990 — *The Frog Prince* (dinner theatre on January 16 at Barth Elementary), *Chautauqua Express* (dinner theatre on February 20 at Wick Elementary), *Sweet Betsy from Pike* (dinner theatre on March 23 at Halecreek Elementary), and the Mask Puppet Theatre performing *The Monster That Ate Your Garden* (luncheon theatre on April 18 at Halecreek Elementary).

Tickets for each event are \$3 (children ages four and under are free). Further information will be published approximately one month prior to each event.

Skiing for Junior High and Senior High Students

Junior high and senior high students can register for downhill ski trips, which will be held on January 19 and February 9. Advance registration is required, and can be made at the Recreation Building or with Mr. Williams at the Junior High. (Please send check or money order only, payable to Romulus Recreation, if you are registering at the Junior High.) The cost is \$15 per person, which includes adult supervision, transportation, and all equipment rentals. The bus will leave the Junior High at 3:15 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m. Permission slips can be picked up at the office.

Cross-Country Skiing

A couple of cross-country ski trips will be scheduled for January 13 and February 17, provided that there is snow. Each group will depart from the Recreation Building at 12:30 p.m. and will return at approximately 4:30 p.m. The cost of \$6 per person includes transportation, adult supervision, and equipment rental.

Discount Ski Lodge Tickets

Discount ski tickets will be available for several ski lodges beginning in January. For further information, please contact the Recreation Department at 942-6852. □

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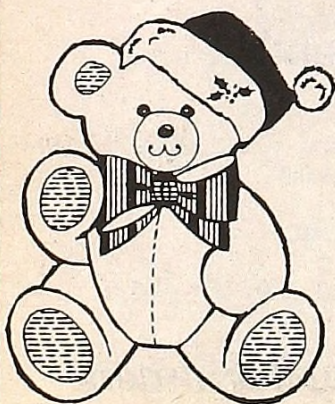


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that can be used for the Hall plaque. Your cooperation will be deeply appreciated.

It is our current plan to induct the first five members into this group next fall at a home football game, and to officially recognize the inductees at a dinner in their honor on the following evening.

There are a number of individuals who deserve this honor and, over the next years, we hope to be able to honor them all. In order to do that, our selection committee needs your help in gathering information about people from all eras at Romulus High School.

For further information about this project, please contact me, Fred Coleman, at 941-3414, or stop by the Athletic Office at the High School. □

Basketball Begins with a Bang

by Fred Coleman, Romulus Schools Athletic Director

New coaches, new players, new desire, new theories, and plenty of hustle led to the beginning of the 1989-90 basketball season success Tuesday against a highly rated Belleville Tiger team.

The junior varsity team, led by first-year coach Marcus Harris, defeated the Belleville junior varsity by a score of 52-47.

Leading the junior varsity team in scoring and rebounding was Marlan Hicks. Marlan scored 18 points and was supported in his efforts by John Dinkins (nine points) and Chris Chambers (eight points).

"Great hustle and defense added to this victory," stated Coach Harris.

The varsity game finished with a score of 81-75, but was a see-saw victory for the Eagles.

"Belleville has an excellent team," stated first-year coach Chris Molloy, "and I really foresee us meeting again at the end of the season in the State tournament."

Seniors Virgil Davis (24 points, 10 assists) and Larry Perkins (17 points, 13 rebounds) led the Eagles to victory.

Virgil made 10 of 16 free-throw attempts in the game, with six of the 10 coming late in the fourth quarter to help seal the victory.

"Perkins was outstanding tonight," added Coach Molloy. "Larry played defense very well against the much larger Belleville team, and probably could have had 30 points if we could have gotten our passes through to him more often."

Coming off the bench to assist in the Eagle victory was Abu Hamilton (16 points), whose 12 second-half points were critical in keeping the Eagles in the game until they could pull away at the very end.

"This was a total team effort," said Molloy. "It seemed we were in foul trouble the whole game, and our bench had to come through when Kelvin Brown and Abu fouled out. We plan to play a very tough defensive game all year, and that may cause us some foul problems, but I really feel our bench is solid and will do the job when they are called upon."

The Eagles open up the South Central Conference schedule on December 14 at Ann Arbor Pioneer and December 19 at Ypsilanti. □



"Memories of Mary"

by Becky Brooks

It's time to go to Bingo, let's get goin'. Barbara will you zip me up, and check and see if my slip is showin'.

I'm going to Florida with Joyce, it's cold outside. I've got to get ready for that plane ride.

Here comes Timmy and Jacquelin. Hello Timmy, well hi there hon, how you doin'.

Want to come and sit outside with me Jerry? Here's my cushion I need you to carry.

Jimmy and Jeannie and the kids are here. Let's play cards. Jimmy trumped my Ace. Here's what you get, Yoker!

Joyce had lipstick on when she kissed me goodnight. Look at my cheek, isn't that a funny sight?!

I talked to Agnes, Betty, and Ann today. Now let me tell you what they had to say.

Buzzy stop patting me on the head! Why can't you just talk to me instead?!

It's Barry's confirmation. I've got to get in the picture with Doc, Joe, and Diane. Let's take as many pictures as we can!

Paula's here with the kids. She's got a box of donuts, she's telling me and Becky are kittens. The box is open, they're donuts. Thank God, I've had enough cats, good riddance!

I'm going to the cab with Joyce to answer the phone today. Lake Wales Cab, Hello Rudy, yes, oh well, I'll tell Byron then, okay?

Let me tell you how it was long ago. When me and my brother, Carl pulled the wagon, and off we'd go.

Me and my friend Connie used to ride the street car, and go to Belle Isle. We'd look at all the boys and smile.

Then I met your Grandpa and he taught me how to dance. That's what started our romance.

Barry's taking me to the foot doctor, and it's starting to rain. Come on Barry, here's my purse. Oh, and where is my cane?

Here are my Lotto numbers, it's worth ten million dollars. I want to be the one that hollers!

The anniversary party was fun. Joannie was there too, it was so nice to see everyone.

Here's some money for your tooth Cheryl. I know it hurts. Now stay away from all those dumb jerks!

Crystal here's some money to go to the store with your friend, Lynn. I'm going home today, but I'll be back this weekend.

Craig is dancing around with my cane tonight. He's bouncing around by me, watch my toe, ha! ha! Craig, alright!

Okay cat get off that chair! I'm the one who's been sitting there!

When I sit on the porch, she'll be there with me. Look Becky, the red birds are building a nest in your tree!

To everyone she was a wise and cherished friend. But this is not the end.

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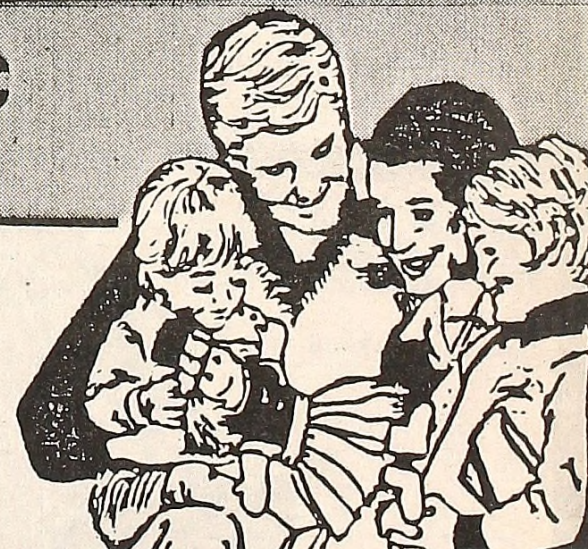
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Comic Odyssey - - FDR's Love For the Funnies, Brings Smile to Writer's Heart

By Tom Shamanski

Recently, I mentioned to a friend that, as I was totally absorbed in a new book, I was squirreling away the daily and Sunday newspaper comics, to be unearthed and enjoyed at leisure, at a later time. My friend was flabbergasted, and somewhat concerned about my emotional well-being.

"Are you telling me you save the comics you don't read?" he asked. "Then you read them later? Are you crazy, or something? What's so great about the comics?"

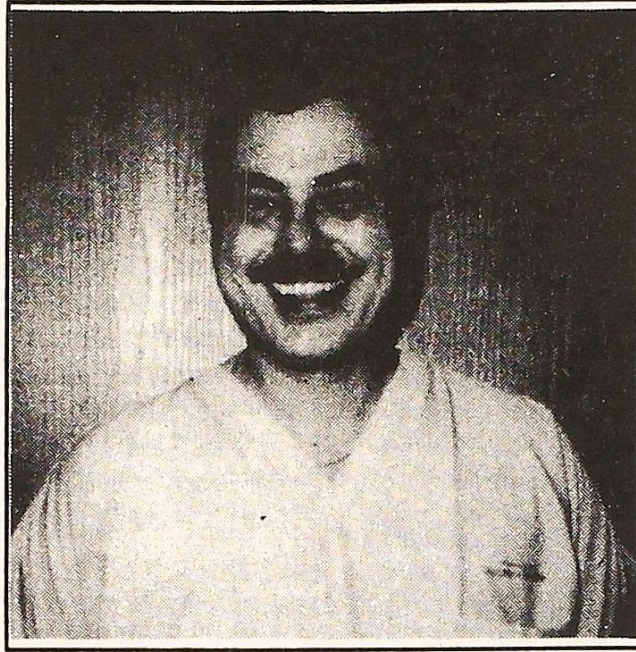
Amazed he could ask such questions, I tersely replied, "Those comics are about people I know and like, a lot. I love to see what mischief Calvin and Hobbes have gotten themselves into. Or, how will Arlo and Janis try to get in the last word on one another?"

With ease, I could have rambled on about my comic friends (Brenda Starr, Gil Thorp, Mr. Buffo, and many others), but my real-life friend was not staring out the kitchen window, softly tapping a spoon against his coffee mug. Resigned, I asked, "So, who do you think it's gonna be in the World Series?" My friend turned and grinned, re-coffee'd his mug, and began in earnest about the American versus the National League. I would have rather read my saved-up comics.

A few days later, at the library returning my now-finished book, I thought again of the comics, and how I had been a comic junkie all my life. Locating a few pertinent books, I suddenly wanted to know everything I could about the comics . . . my comics!

I discovered comic strips have been with us for some 90 years. Like everything else, this particular art form has had its ups and downs. Currently, according to the 1988 edition of Collier's Encyclopedia, comics are regarded as a significant form of self-expression, and are, indeed, studied seriously at the university level.

The low point for comics, however, seems to have been in the early- to mid-1950's. During that time, peddlers of pornography, and a smattering of unethical educators and clergy, began utilizing the underlying power of comics to reach the masses. Soon, using comic books as their format, these rascals were publishing their pornography, and highly questionable educational and theological views. However, by 1954, public indignation against such power abuse, paved the way for establishment of The Comics Code, a form of self-censorship within the comic industry.



Tom Shamanski
"Lover of Comics - -"

Sexually explicit and, oftentimes, violent comic books were eliminated. Soon after, newspapers, sensing the public's more genteel taste, began offering strips of domestic drama ("Mary Worth" and "Juliet Jones"); intellectual savvy ("Pogo" and "Peanuts"); and traditional humor ("Beetle Bailey" and "Dennis the Menace").

Another difficult time for comics occurred during the period proceeding World War II. Comics were accused of fostering disrespect and insubordination in the minds of young readers, by glorifying such brazen and anarchistic characters as the Yellow Kid (Richard Outcault, est. 1896), and the Katzenjammer Kids (Rudolph Dirks, est. 1897). Also, turning the screws a bit tighter, comics were blasted as simply being a waste of time.

The very beginnings of newspaper comics were an immediate source of controversy. The precise birth-date of comics is often disputed, but it is generally recognized that the 1896 appearance of Richard Outcault's "Yellow Kid" marked the inception of comics as we know them today - panel form with balloon dialogue. Outcault began drawing his "Yellow Kid" character for Joseph Pulitzer's newspaper, New York World. William Randolph Hearst, owner/publisher of the New York Journal, recognizing the emerging popularity of the strip, and the potential for drawing readers in an ongoing circulation battle, lured Outcault into his

journalistic nest.

Outcault, in his move to Hearst's Journal, naturally took the "Yellow Kid" with him, as copyright laws were, at that time, ineffective in determining comic strip rights. Before long, Pulitzer bought back Outcault and his strip and, with subsequent sensationalized back and forth bids, the whole messy affair gave rise to the term "yellow journalism."

Comics, of course, survived this tumultuous birth and, during the first decade of this century, grew rapidly. In 1913, syndication came into play, and a strip by George McManus, called "Bringing Up Father," achieved national fame, as it was run daily in hundreds of newspapers throughout the country. In the 1920's, family strips rode a crest of popularity, with "Gasoline Alley" and "Little Orphan Annie," among others, marking their debuts.

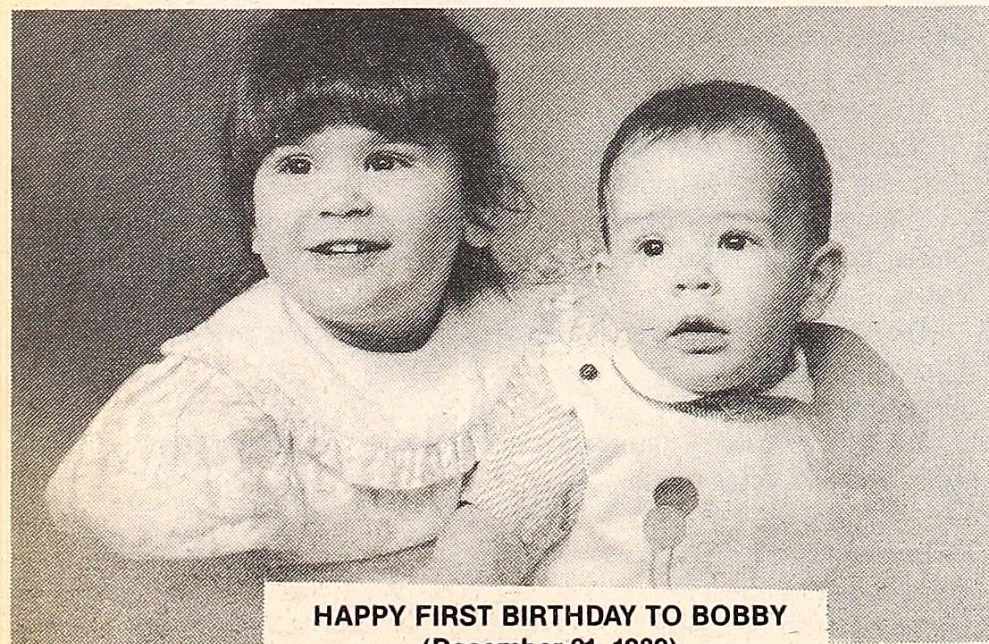
The 1930's ushered in several action/adventure strips, such as "Buck Rogers," "Prince Valiant," and the first police strip, "Dick Tracy," created and drawn by Chester Gould. The comics went to war in 1949 with "Buz Sawyer" and "Johnny Hazard" among the most notable.

During the 50's, of course, the comics struggled through the pornography and unethical comic book phase, but not without some sustained damage. Consequently, in the 1960's and 70's, comic strips suffered a loss in readership, as well as in quality.

However, good news prevails for the strips in the late 1980's. Several new, funny, and thought provoking strips greet us each day in our newspaper comics. Strips such as "For better Or For Worse," "Calvin & Hobbes," "Garfield" and "Cathy," to name but a few.

Closing out my "comic history" day at the library, I found I had a nagging, uncertain feeling about my personal passion for the comics. Was my friend right? Was I Crazy, or something? It was then I stumbled across Alan McKenzie's book, "Comic Strips For Newspapers And Comic Books" (North Light Books, 1987), in which McKenzie recounts a story about President Franklin Roosevelt, and his love for the strip "Dick Tracy," which relied heavily on cliffhanging endings. The story tells of a President who, at times, was unable to endure the then-current suspense any longer.

Roosevelt would then call the Chicago-Tribune Syndicate to find out how Tracy would ultimately deal with such bizarre menaces as The Brow, Flattop, Mumbles; or whatever villain Tracy had set his lawful sights upon. Reading that, my heart smiled, and I felt much better.



HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY TO BOBBY
(December 21, 1989)
Love, Francesca and Grandma Hicks

New Arrival

Andrew James Sheldon

Jimmy and Chris Sheldon of Westland had a little extra to be thankful for this Thanksgiving when their first child, Andrew James Sheldon, arrived at 3:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day (November 23, 1989). Andrew, who was born at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, weighed in at nine pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 21 inches.

Andrew is the grandson of Bob and Millie Sheldon (of Romulus), Harvey Maveal (of Lincoln Park), and Sherry and Bob Slucht (of Dearborn Heights), and the great-grandson of Harvey and Catherine Maveal (of Woodhaven), John and Bernadine Hurst (of Taylor), Mildred Yax (of Belleville), and Clara Sheldon (Port Huron).



This five-point buck, killed in Romulus, was rattled in by Marty Reno and shot by Dave Bryk of Romulus on November 27, 1989, at 5:05 p.m. (photo by Rick Tomrell)

Christmas Concerts

The Romulus Community Schools Music Program will be putting the City into the Holiday Spirit with the presentation of several public performances this month. These concerts are open to all members of the community, and there is no admission charge.

Scheduled concert dates are:

- Thursday, December 14, when the High School bands and choirs will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the High School auditorium;

- Friday, December 15, when bands and choirs from Barth and Wick elementaries will give an afternoon performance at Barth;
- Tuesday, December 19, when the bands from the Junior High will perform in the Junior High gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.;
- and Wednesday, December 20, when the bands from Cory, Merriman, and Halecreek elementaries perform at 7 p.m. in the High School auditorium.

The Romulus Music Department would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the happiest of Season's Greetings. □

IT AIN'T OVER

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mains to be seen. Unfortunately, I suspect that some members will follow their usual policy of engaging in personal vendettas instead of trying to work cooperatively for the benefit of all. In any case, now that the meetings are being taped, many more of us will have the chance to see *all* their actions (not just the few that some candidates publicize right before elections to fool the public into voting for them), and we'll be better-informed voters because of it when November, 1991 rolls around.

So, will I run for office again? You betcha! □

Obituaries

Leonard "Butch" A. Bower

Leonard "Butch" Bower, a lifelong resident of Romulus, died in his home on December 4, 1989, at the age of 85.

Leonard, who was the father of Charles Bower, the late Jack Bower, Lora Mae Miller, and the late Doris Rae Bower, is also survived by three brothers, George, Derwood, and Willard Bower, and three sisters, Mrs. Melvin (Florence) Blausey, Mrs. Robert (Floretta) Blausey, and Mrs. Alma Nowlin.

During his lifetime, Leonard was an employee of the Wayne County Road Commission (1926-1935) and the Ford Motor Company (1935-1952), a farmer (1952-1956), and an employee of the Romulus Public Schools (1956-1970). He was also a member of the Community United Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 7, at the Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus), with the Rev. J.D. Landis of the Community United Methodist Church officiating. The Romulus Cemetery was the site of interment.

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Lora Mae and Charles Bower and families of Tempe, Arizona, wanted to take this opportunity to thank relatives and friends, as well as their dad's bowling pals, for the warmth and support that they showed during this sad time. They send a special thanks to their Uncle Bug and Aunt Pearl, as well as cousins Nelda Jean and Bob Robertson, for helping with housing and transportation, and for guiding them with the arrangements, since they had no pre-

vious experience in such matters. The family would also like to add that their dad would have been proud to know that his friends and relations all turned out to pay their last respects, and they again thank everyone for the beautiful flowers and the loving support.



Sidney A. Evitts

Romulus resident Sidney A. Evitts died December 9, 1989, at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. He was 64 years old.

Sidney, the beloved husband of Daisy P. (Dyer) Evitts, was the stepfather of James R. Perkins (of Dadisonville, TN), John T. Perkins (of Columbia, SC), Tony Millsaps (of Taylor), Mrs. Sue Montgomery (of Romulus), and Mrs. John (Gail) Hicks (of Gainesville, GA). He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Cordail (Maude) Brown (of Celina, TN) and Mrs. Richard (Dorothy) Chase (of Romulus); seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Sidney, a retired truck driver for the Preston 51 Trucking Co., was a member of the Belleville Church of God and the Romulus V.F.W.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 13, at 11 a.m. at Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road), with Pastor Tom Stafford officiating. Tyler Cemetery (in Van Buren Township) will be the site of interment.

Memorials may be made to the Romulus Assembly of God. □

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REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 27, 1989

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, November 27, 1989, was called to order by President Berlinn at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Berlinn.

Approval of Agenda:

Dr. Bedell recommended the following change in the Agenda: Delete Item D. "Teen Health Consent Form".

11/89/11 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Kesner the Board approve the Agenda as amended by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

11/89/12 Moved by Patterson supported by King the Board approve the Minutes of November 13, 1989, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Chris Powers, Union President, spoke on use of librarian at Junior High. Ms. Powers also spoke on ventilation at Junior High and the stress of staff.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval:

A. **Employment:** Lawrence Biggs, Social Worker (Prob.), Eff. 12/11/89.

11/89/13 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Langley the Board approve the Personnel Actions as presented by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

11/89/14 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Resolution on Drug Program — Mrs. Langley

11/89/15 Moved by Patterson supported by King the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the resolution as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Note: Resolution on Drug Program printed in its entirety in *The Romulus News* issue dated November 29, 1989.

Sports Hall of Fame

11/89/16 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and establish a Romulus Hall of Fame for outstanding athletes who have graduated from Romulus as per the letter presented by the Athletic Director. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

South Building — Real Estate Listing

11/89/17 Moved by Patterson supported by King the Board list South Junior High School for sale with Century 21 Chalet for \$250,000 at 6% commission. The sale will be contingent upon zoning and the Board's approval. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Report on Huron School District Unfair Labor Charges

Dr. Bedell discussed this item with Board Members.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Mayor's letter to Ed Clark — Drug Effort; 2) "Thank You" — Marilyn Wood; 3) Need for Equipment — Teen Health; 4) Bill Thomas Memo — Wildlife Program; and 5) "Thank You" — Japanese Teacher Visit.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member King: Spoke on proposed legislation on "schools of choice".

Member Kesner: Asked about new policies. (When would they be ready?)

Member Langley: Commented to "Strategic Planning Meeting" held November 20th.

Executive Session — Negotiations

11/89/18 Moved by Wilkerson supported by King the Board convene in Executive Session for purpose of Negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:19 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:50 P.M.

Adjournment:

11/89/19 Moved by Kesner supported by Langley the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Bales, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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For The New Decade ...

If you're like us, the winter months are your time for making resolutions ... and this year, we've all got an opportunity that doesn't come along very often. It's the beginning of a new decade, and that's an occasion for making some really special resolutions — the kind we'll keep in the years ahead.

We may be prejudiced, but we think everyone should resolve to take better care of their teeth. It's the kind of resolution that's easy to make — and easy to keep — because it involves just five steps to better dental health.

1. Eat a balanced diet — and cut down on sugar and between-meal snacks — to reduce plaque formation.

2. Brush your teeth after every meal, to remove plaque.

3. Use a fluoride toothpaste and a fluoride rinse; fluoride strengthens tooth enamel, to make it more resistant to the acids produced by sugar as it breaks down.

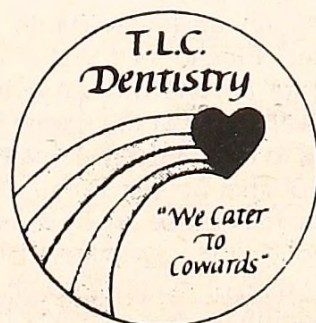
4. Floss daily, preferably at bedtime, to remove the plaque your toothbrush missed.

5. Come in for regular cleaning and checkups; we'll evaluate your dental health and discuss steps you can take to keep your resolution — and your teeth — for a lifetime.



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by **TOM SHAMANSKI**



A Farewell to Comics and Classified Ads

My mind is slowly sinking into TV-land's multicolored quicksand and, surprisingly, I'm feeling pretty darn good about it. With eyes glazed and mouth slightly ajar, I have, folks, rediscovered the numbing pleasure of watching TV until the term "brain-dead" has become a distinct possibility . . . kind of on a par with your average talk-show host, I'd say. You see, for the past two years, I've shunned evening TV, preferring instead to elevate my intellect by concentrating on my daily newspaper. That's right . . . I was reading the comics and the classified ads.

With the comics, I soon began thinking of all those neat little people as family members. In fact, at one point, I remember zipping off a letter to Dagwood and Blondie's son, Alexander, trying to convince him to change his like-father-like-son hairdo. Instead of those little ponytails, I asked him, why don't you try a spiked haircut, with each hair strand sporting a different and nauseous color? Fluorescents might be good, I said.

Although I was only trying to help, Alex got pretty miffed and wrote back that he's had the same hairstyle since becoming a teenager, some 35 years ago, and he liked it just fine, thank you! Continuing, he suggested that I write Mary Worth the next time I felt like butting into someone's life. Boy! . . . even family members are hard to figure sometimes.

With the classified personals, I was reading things like: "Extremely beautiful woman, age irrelevant, who loves playing jacks, yachting to Cleveland, and having her teeth straightened; seeks a gentle, sensitive, yet obscenely rich man, any age over 21 will do, for a meaningful and rewarding relationship, based, of course, upon his current cash flow and real estate holdings. If vested in stocks, don't call."

Well, as you can imagine, after pouring over this stuff for a couple of years, curiosity finally compelled me to answer one of these ads. Coincidentally, it was the above ad that I responded to.

Her name was Connie Cash and she was, indeed, beautiful, as well as moderately personable. She sang and played accordion in a country band by night, and toiled as a dental assistant during the day. However, it seemed to me that she was a bit overly concerned with my financial status. After telephoning, we met at a local Burger King restaurant to determine if we would continue this prospective relationship. From

the moment she spoke, I could easily understand Connie's interest in straight teeth, as, when she talked, there was a somewhat noisy and gritty whistle punctuating her speech. From that, I deduced she was concerned with money because, as everyone knows, having your teeth straightened costs more than a dentist's trip to Tibet! First Class!

Well, folks, we ate, chatted, and whistled a bit, but when I told her that my financial piece of gravel lies somewhere between a McDonald's fry cook and an impoverished Buddhist monk, Connie let out a long, low whistle as her face soured and sagged. Instinctively, I braced myself, as I knew that we had reached the "Farewell, My Darling, I Wish You The Best" part of our relationship in world-class time. But, then again, I figured that the whole thing was kind of shaky when, earlier, while struggling with some onion rings, she had examined my teeth and found them straight and true . . . wouldn't you know it?

Anyway, here I am, back home watching Roseanne Barr roast marshmallows and one of her kids over her gas stove. So, the heck with the comics, and enough of the disappointing classifieds! At this point, I'm craving a healthy dose of reality, and nothing satisfies that better than TV.

By the way, did they cancel *Love Boat*, or what? □

It's the Law

by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

A divorce judgment does not affect joint creditors.

For example, if a divorce judgment orders the husband to make a car payment and he does not make the payments, the wife is still liable to the creditor. This is assuming that the wife signed the original note with the creditor.

Another common occurrence is a husband and wife having joint ownership of a marital home. The wife may be awarded the home and also be ordered to make the house payments. The fact that the husband no longer has an ownership interest in the home does not remove him from liability on the mortgage note if the wife does not make the payments.

The husband may request that the wife refinance any loan obligations within a specified time. For example, the wife would be awarded the home with a provision in the judgment that she must refinance the note on the house within five years. This may be fought by the wife because the wife may feel that she will not be in a position to refinance the home. This is true when there are minor children involved and the wife does not have a history of high-salaried jobs.

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Alimony is still available in Michigan. As a general rule, the longer the marriage the better the chance of alimony being awarded.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to address it in a future issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

Task Force to Enforce Drunk-Driving Warrants

by Dave Atkins

At a press conference held December 4 at the Romulus Police Station, it was announced that anyone with an outstanding drunk-driving arrest warrant will be sought and apprehended.

A task force, comprised of police officers from several cities (Romulus, Van Buren, Sumpter, Huron, and Belleville), has been formed to accomplish this aim. These officers will be assisted by the departments of the Wayne County Sheriff and the Michigan State Police.

According to Sheriff Ficano, who attended the meeting, a death occurs in an alcohol-related accident an average of once every 22 minutes. He also stated that alcohol is the primary cause of teen deaths in auto accidents.

Ficano said that, during the holiday season, many people seem to forget their liabilities, especially where minors are concerned. They will allow visiting teens to drink at their Christmas or New Year's parties, not remembering that they are liable for what happens to the young people when they leave (just as a bar owner is liable for people who leave his or her establishment when intoxicated).

As far as the warrants are concerned, Ficano said that it would be best for anyone with an outstanding warrant in any of the aforementioned cities to turn himself/herself in at the 34th District Court in Romulus, and get the matter cleared up. By doing so, that person could save himself/herself a great deal of money, as well as some discomfiture.

For example, since it costs approximately \$38 per hour to have an officer

serve a warrant, each person will be charged by the hour for any time an officer spends in trying to locate and arrest him/her, whether the officer finds the person or not. And, since the officers have been instructed to pick up people regardless of whether they are at home, work, or play when they are found, the situation could be an embarrassing one.

Over 600 warrants that have been issued for drunk driving over the past 10 years are still outstanding, but, until now, the issue has never really been pushed by the police departments.

When asked about a statute of limitations on such matters, Ficano assured those in attendance that there is no statute covering arrest warrants.

Said Ficano, "If you party, you're going to pay for the party." □

Yet Another Body Found

by Dave Atkins

Yet another body has been found in Romulus — this time, behind Elmer Johnson Park.

On Tuesday, December 5, a Romulus fireman who was out rabbit hunting behind the park discovered the body of Ronald Denau of Belleville hanging from a tree. Apparently, it had been there for a couple of days before it was found.

The death has been ruled a suicide, pending a final autopsy from the medical examiner's office. According to Detective Sergeant Painter of the Romulus Police Department, the 23-year-old man evidently walked either behind or through the park, climbed a tree, placed a noose made from bedsheets around his neck, and jumped.

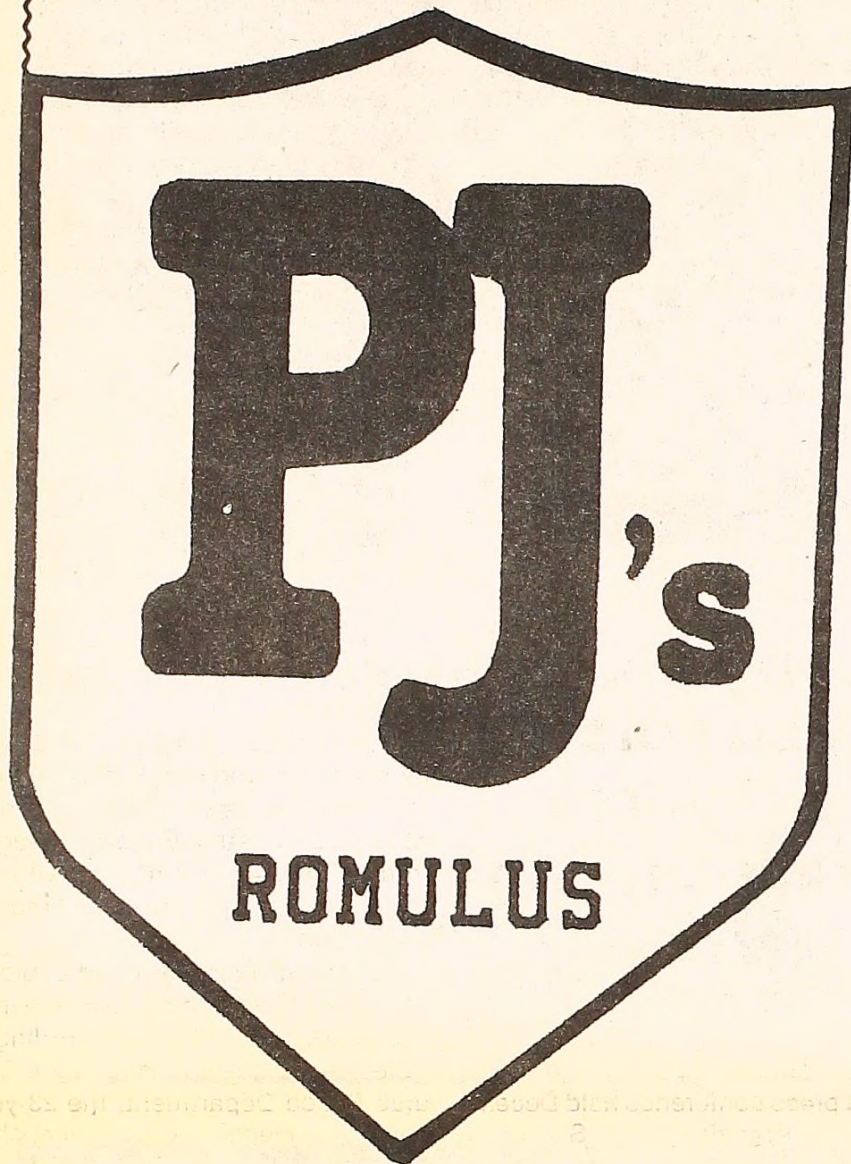
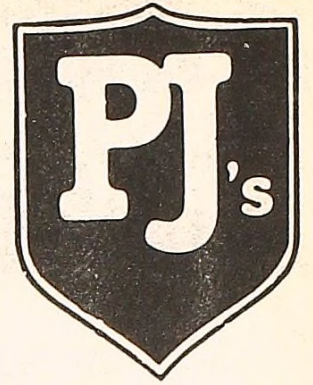
Denau was last seen on December 2, and was reported missing (apparently by his parents) on December 4.

Sergeant Painter said that there was no apparent reason for the suicide. □

On this most joyous occasion, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our customers. Hope your season is merry and bright.

Dave Atkins, Editor,
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by K. Sata, D.D.S.

As more and more people are concerned about a better smile and healthy teeth, my office gets frequent inquiries about bleaching teeth, cosmetic bonding, or capping (crowns).

Recently, I came across a good article in the *Journal of Esthetic Dentistry* concerning bleaching. Here are some of the pros and cons of this technique.

Bleaching has been used for lightening discolored teeth for many years. It requires the use of a rubber dam (an aid to isolate teeth that need treatment — hardly used in general practice) and 30% hydrogen peroxide solution that is highly caustic to soft tissues. It must be used carefully when combined with special heat lamps or electric bleaching instruments used over a course of three to seven office visits.

Heat bleaching is an effective esthetic treatment procedure for discolored teeth only in some situations. I personally feel that the possible drawbacks to this procedure can be that:

- the amount of color change may not meet the patient's expectations;
- yearly "touch-ups" may be required to maintain the bleached color;
- teeth sensitivity may be experienced after heat bleaching;
- for some patients, frequent office visits may not fit into their busy schedule.

I strongly feel that porcelain shields or capping or crowning can definitely offer better and prolonged prognosis.

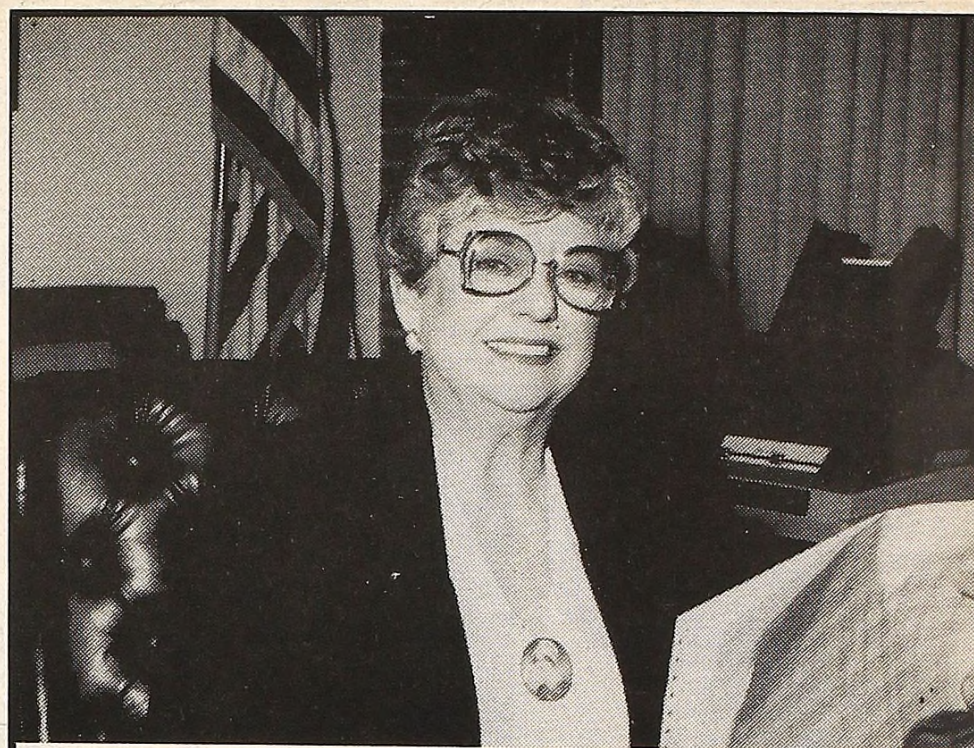
Recently, products for "in-home" bleaching have been introduced. Almost all new products are 10% carbamide peroxide in gel formulation. The main cause for tooth discoloration and staining is aging. Enamel is a porous tooth substrate and extrinsically stains over time, causing tooth discoloration. These relatively mild and safe bleaching agents flow over the enamel surfaces and bleach out the stains that are within the porous crystalline structure of enamel that is not accessible to abrasives in toothpaste. The lightening effect of this in-home technique can be seen as early as one week. Most of the products are recommended for at least four to six weeks of continuous use.

The most adverse reaction of this technique could be the discomfort of using a mouthguard, which is much less than a sensitive tooth. Other possible side effects can be:

- temporary hypersensitivity of teeth;
- reversible gingival irritation.

However, the benefits of using this treatment are:

- improved gingival health due to the peroxide effect;
- reduced plaque deposits. □



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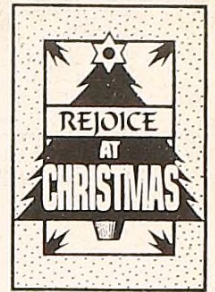
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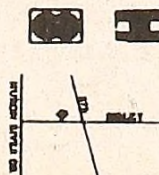
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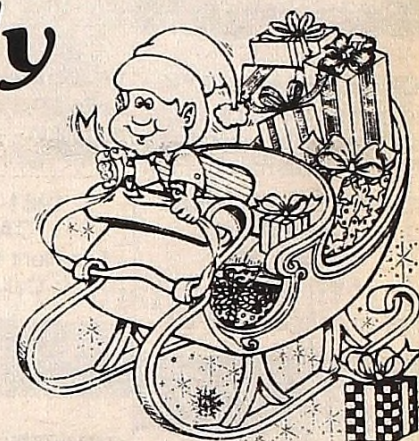
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